

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-7 (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A tube target for a cathode sputtering installation, comprising a centrifugally cast, cylindrical hollow body as a sputtering material, the hollow body having a grain structure with columnar crystallites arranged substantially perpendicular to a circumference of the hollow body.

9. (Previously Presented) A tube target as defined in claim 8, wherein the cylindrical hollow body is formed from a metal.

10. (Previously Presented) A tube target as defined in claim 9, wherein the cylindrical hollow body is formed from silver.

11-12 (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A tube target as defined in claim 9, wherein the cylindrical hollow body is formed from a noble metal.